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SUBJECT: HANDELSBANKEN CASE -- PRESS GUIDANCE

REFS: (A) STATE 218666

1. EMBASSY MAY USE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE
TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BY JOURNALISTS:

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT WE HAVE BLOCKED CERTAIN ASSETS IN THE
UNITED STATES OF A SWEDISH BANK?

A: YES, TREASURY HAS TAKEN ACTION TO BLOCK CERTAIN ACCOUNTS
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OF A SWEDISH BANK IN THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH
ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE TREASURY'S FOREIGN ASSETS
CONTROL REGULATIONS.

Q: WAS OUR ACTION POLITICALLY MOTIVATED?

A: NO, IT REPRESENTS THE ROUTINE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING

US LAW AND POLICY.

Q: CAN YOU TELL US THE NAME OF THE BANK OR PROVIDE ANY
FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THIS CASE?

A: AS THE MATTER IS UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED
TO TREASURY.

Q: CAN YOU AT LEAST CONFIRM THAT THE BANK IN QUESTION
IS SVENSKA HANDELSBANKEN?

A: YES. THE SWEDISH BANK INVOLVED IS SVENSKA
HANDELSBANKEN. CHRISTOPHER

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